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Melissa M. McLaren

Applicant : Yaron Keidar Confirmation No. 4  
Application No. : 10/618,033  
Filed : July 11, 2003  
Title : **TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE  
AND METHOD FOR ITS USE**

Confirmation No. 4112

Grp./Div. : 3731  
Examiner : Timothy J. Neal

Docket No. : 50572/W112

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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	22	*22	0	0 x \$25.00	0 x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	0 x \$100.00	0 x \$200.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1 and 18						

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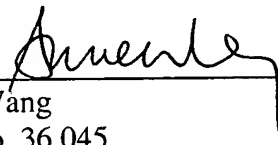
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\*\*\* PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME

\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of August 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.